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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 06-07

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed on behalf of Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State"), please find an original and three (3) copies of Bay State's Corrected Page 1 of our Initial Brief filed May 9<sup>th</sup> in the above referenced matter. After the courier left to deliver the filing, we discovered that a draft Page 1 was inadvertently used to produce the hard-copy filing packages. The draft contained blanks in the second paragraph, regarding the data request numbers. The corrections made are not substantive. The version of the Initial Brief that was filed electronically did contain the correct Page 1. Therefore, I have attached a Corrected Page 1 for your hard-copy file. Please insert this page in the hard-copies on file with the Department.

I apologize for any confusion this may cause. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 836-7394 or Robert L. Dewees, Jr., of Nixon Peabody LLP at (617) 345-1316 with any questions concerning this filing. Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Very truly yours,

Patricia M. French

cc: Andrew O. Kaplan, Esq., General Counsel, DTE (for Denise Desautels, Hearing Officer)  
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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

On January 27, 2006, Bay State Gas Company (“Bay State”) filed its petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) for approval of a Long Term Gas Supply and Capacity Agreement with Northeast Energy Associates (“NEA”). Bay State seeks approval of the Agreement by June 30, 2006.

On February 28, 2006, following notice duly provided, the Department held a procedural conference at its offices in Boston. The Attorney General sought and was granted intervenor status. Discovery took place and on April 18, 2006, Bay State moved for the admission of its Petition (Exh. BSG-1), the direct prefiled testimony and exhibits of Francisco C. DaFonte, its responses to the Department’s first set of information requests (Exh. DTE-1-1 through Exh. DTE-1-14), its responses to the Attorney General’s first and second sets of information requests (Exh. AG-1-1 through Exh. AG-1-15, and Exh. AG-2-1 through Exh. AG-2-3). Bay State also filed responses to certain record requests issued at the hearing (RR-AG-1 through RR-AG-4).

As part of its initial filing, Bay State asked the Department to grant protective treatment over certain selected pages of prefiled testimony and exhibits that include the price and volume information that Bay State provided in its SENDOUT® optimization model (“SENDOUT®”). The Department granted Bay State’s requests for protection. Hearing Officer’s Order, dated March 3, 2006.